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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, relative to transportation of illegal aliens.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

§ 39-17-114.

- (a) It is an offense for any person to transport or cause to be transported into the state an individual who the person knows or should have known has illegally entered or remained in the United States. For purposes of this section, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the United States Department of Homeland Security determines who has illegally entered or remained in the United States.
 - (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to common carriers.
- (c) A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor punishable only by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- (d) Any moneys received from a violation of this section shall go to the local agency or agencies responsible for assisting or participating in the deportation proceedings of individuals illegal present in the United States.
- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.